

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 77 and 84 with prejudice, and amend the claims as follows:

1.-68. (Cancelled).

69. (Previously Presented) An insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and a vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer polymeric processing aid, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97% by weight or more, and wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.5% by weight and is chemically stable.

70. (Cancelled).

71. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97 to about 99.5% by weight.

72. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein said pellet has a bulk density of about 36 to about 40 lbs/ft³.

73. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein the polymeric processing aid is present in amount of about 0.5 to about 3% by weight.

74. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein the pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.3% by weight.

75. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal pellet according to claim 69, wherein the pellet contains no organic solvents.

76. (Previously Presented) A chemically stable insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and a vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer polymeric processing aid, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97% by weight or more, wherein the vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer polymeric processing aid is present in an amount up to about 3% by weight, and wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.3% by weight and remains substantially free-flowing without caking or compaction under drum storage conditions.

77. (Cancelled)

78. (Currently Amended) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim [[77]] 76, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97 to about 99.5% by weight.

79. (Previously Presented) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 76, wherein said pellet has a bulk density of about 36 to about 40 lbs/ft³.

80. (Previously Presented) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 76, wherein the vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer polymeric processing aid is present in amount of about 0.5 to about 3% by weight.

81. (Previously Presented) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 76, wherein the pellet contains no organic solvents.

82. (Previously Presented) A chemically stable insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and up to about 3% by weight of a vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer polymeric processing aid, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.3% by weight and remains substantially free-flowing without caking or compaction under drum storage conditions, and wherein said pellet has a bulk density of about 26 to about 31 lbs/ft³.

83. (Currently Amended) A chemically stable insecticidal pellet consisting essentially of acephate and up to about 3% by weight of a polymeric processing aid, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97% by weight or more, wherein said pellet has a moisture content of up to about 0.3% by weight and remains substantially free-flowing without caking or compaction under drum storage conditions, and wherein the polymeric processing aid is a vinylpyrrolidone-vinyl acetate copolymer.

84. (Cancelled)

85. (Previously Presented) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 83, wherein said acephate is present in an amount of about 97 to about 99.5% by weight or more.

86. (Previously Presented) The chemically stable insecticidal pellet according to claim 83, wherein said pellet has a bulk density of about 36 to about 40 lbs/ft³.

87. (Previously Presented) The insecticidal pellet according to claim 83, wherein the polymeric processing aid is present in amount of about 0.5 to about 3% by weight.